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SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Fitzgerald, do you care to respond to Senator Dickinson's question as to what the problem is in your district.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Mr. Chairman, my problem is that we have a different classification in class five and what the deal is that the ninth, tenth, and eleventh grades go to...they call this High School in Omaha and they will not take the ninth grader, but they do have children in school that go to the seventh and eight and ninth in one school, and the ninth grader can not ride the buses because there is a different classification. This does not happen out-state. Does that answer your question Senator Dickinson?

SENATOR DICKINSON: No. I'm sorry, I wasn't aware of this before Senator Fitzgerald. I realize that this...I will ask another question. This does just pertain to class five districts?

SENATOR FITZGERALD: You...we...we... have differences. You have got the junior highs, 7th, 8th, 9th grade.

SENATOR DICKINSON: I realize that Senator Fitzgerald.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Only the ninth graders can not ride to the school.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Let me put Senator Lewis on the stand, may I please?

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Okay.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Senator Lewis, doesn't this same situation exist in other class districts also?

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. Chairman I would yield to Senator Fitzgerald, it is his bill.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Well, I think that this same situation exists in class three districts Senator Fitzgerald and I can just see all of them coming down here next year and wanting some parent that says I want my kid transported that lives four miles beyond the school and were going to have the thing wide open. I may be mistaken, but as of now, I think that that is the situation, and based upon that I would have to object to this bill, and Senator Lewis won't comment, I'm afraid that....

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Senator Dickinson, do you think that it is fair, I have people up in my district, I have them in the 7th grade. Alright, the woman has a boy in the 9th grade. The bus comes and picks up the boy in the 7th grade, but will not pick up their child in the 9th grade. She has got to get in a car and drive this child to school. The same school because the schools go from 1 to 7, in Omaha 7th, 8th and 9th; and 9th, 10th and 11th.

SENATOR DICKINSON: The same thing is true in other school districts Senator Fitzgerald. I don't think that we should pass legislation pertaining to one district. Same thing is